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EMPLOYMENT ORIENTED HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per survey of the World Bank, 9 per cent of graduates of the country are unfit for employment and only 10 to 25 per cent of college graduates are suitable for employment;

(b) if so, whether the present higher education system is merely increasing the number of degree holders and not the professionals;

(c) if so, whether the Government proposes to chalk out any action plan to make higher education employment oriented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(Smt. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)to(d) The World bank in its 2007 study "Unleashing India's Innovation: Towards Sustainable & Inclusive Growth"has referred to the said findings of the study conducted by McKinsey (a consulting firm).For improvement of quality, the University Grants Commission identifies the Universities and Colleges with potential for excellence and gives a maximum financial assistance to Universities of Rs.30 crores for a period of five years and Rs.35 lakhs to Rs.1 crore to colleges.It is also implementing a Special Assistance Programme (SAP) wherein assistance of Rs.40-100 lakhs is given to eligible Department of Universities having potential for quality teaching and research in various disciplines.The UGC also approves vocational courses in several universities.For improving the quality of technical education the Government is implementing the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme(TEQIP) in the country.The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also an All India Board of Studies in Information Technology, which advises the Council on, inter-alia, the model curricula for IT courses and their upgradation.Besides,a programme of Finishing School for unemployed engineering graduates, so as to prepare them for the IT/ITeS Industries,has been taken up since 2007-08.